



# Town of Summerton

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## Minutes of Council Meeting September 14, 2021 at 6:00PM

**Present.** Mayor Bagnal, Council Members: Mr. Bryan Rembert, Mr. Terrance Tindal and Mr. Walker Wells, Mrs. Regina Brown and Mr. Ritchie Way. Also present was Mrs. Amanda Salka, Town Administrator, Ray Perdue, Chief of Police, Jay Kates, Public Works Director, Mrs. Shaquona White, Utility Clerk and Mrs. Frances Feagin, Deputy Town Clerk

**Absent:** Council Members: Mr. Chalmers Stukes.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Bagnal called the meeting to order at 6:01 p. m.

**INVOCATION** – Councilman Walker Wells

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – All

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mr. Rembert made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Mr. Wells, all was in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Rembert made a motion to approve the minutes of August 24, 2021 with the exception of the date change to reflect October 9<sup>th</sup> for Duckfest. Seconded by Mr. Wells, all was in favor.

**ACCEPT AS INFORMATION** – Financials of August 2021 were accepted for review.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

- a. Presentation of DHEC Vaccination Clinics – Mr. Arthur Moyd has been retained by DHEC to promote the vaccine and to get the public vaccinated. Clarendon County is at 55% of having at least their 1<sup>st</sup> shot, while the State of South Carolina is at 58%. And 46% of Clarendon County residents are fully vaccinated, while the State of South Carolina is at 49%. We are trying to get Clarendon County to at least 70% of citizens having their 1<sup>st</sup> shot. The statistics from some recent vaccine clinics were: the Fire Dept. had 68 citizens to shots and East Clarendon had 48 citizens get their shots as well. The Vaccine Clinic that will be held here in Summerton will be giving away prizes: 25 Domino's Gift Cards, a Yeti Cooler and a 50" Screen TV. Mr. Moyd further stated some statistics on the different brands of COVID-19 vaccine shots. He asked Council to please encourage the citizens to get the vaccine, because we need to get the kids back into

school for face-to-face learning 5 days a week. He ended by thanking Mayor and Council for allowing him time for the presentation.

- b. Anti-bullying Prevention Month 2021 – Councilman Terrance Tindal stated that October is National Anti-Bullying Prevention month and would like to “Paint the Town Orange” on October 20, 2021. He asked for all the businesses to place an orange ribbon to represent Anti-Bullying for the whole month of October.
- c. Establishment of a General Fund Grant Bank Account – Mrs. Amanda Salka stated that we, the Town, opened up some bank accounts for grants, but didn’t open one in General Funds for grants. She was just informing Mayor and Council that she was in the process of opening said account.
- d. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading to Amend Yard Debris Ordinance – Mrs. Amanda Salka stated that Attorney Johnson didn’t have the amended Yard Debris Ordinance ready for the Council meeting. She asked since it wasn’t ready, if it could be tabled. Council agreed for it to be tabled.
- e. Resolution for Hometown Economic Development Grant – Mrs. Amanda Salka updated Council that the Wassau Park Resolution needed to be done before Sept. 23, 2021 to get the grant submitted on time. A concerned citizen asked about the security of the park for the children. Mrs. Salka said that there wasn’t proper fencing for the safety of the children and the playground equipment was broken. She further stated that the town is in the process of updating the hours of operation and made a note that the lighting issue was being resolved as well. Mr. Rembert made a motion to create a resolution committing the Town of Summerton to provide a local match of \$1,250 against a \$25,000 Hometown Economic Grant, which will go towards work at Wassau Park. Seconded by Mr. Tindal, all in favor.

### **OLD BUSINESS –**

- a. Discussion of Summerton Park Plans – Mrs. Amanda Salka stated that Mr. David Epperson reached out to me about the plans for the Summerton Park. There aren’t any changes from the 1<sup>st</sup> drawing. They just need for Council to make a motion to pass the plans. Zoning has already approved them. It will be on the lot beside the Dollar Tree store. Mr. Rembert made a motion to accept the site layout plan for the Park at the corner of Main and N. Church as shown on drawing dated Sept. 9, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Tindal, all in favor.
- b. Discussion of a project with the Town Hall and Water/Sewer Infrastructure – Mrs. Amanda Salka stated that this is a project that Mr. Jay, herself and Mr. Allen, with Sercap, making a project list for the infrastructure of Water/Sewer. This would include in and out of town limits of Summerton also the Goat Island Areas and North Shore. We are

also working on a project on the Town Hall Building. Some of the citizens may not know that the air quality in this building is very poor and we are trying to get it remodeled or possibly rebuilt, it might be cheaper to have it remodeled. We did have someone come look at the building. He is going to give us a price of what it would cost and give us some plans. Then we are going to put this project together and send it to the Senator and hopefully get some funds for it.

Mr. Jay Kates stated we have been going over the Water/Sewer system and this project is probably going to end up being roughly around \$23 Million dollar request to the Senator, and hopefully we will get the majority of the funds from the Senator. We probably won't get the whole \$23 Million. If we don't, we do got some big plans with the Water/Sewer Department, with equipment and such items like that. We definitely want to put the building in, but make Water/Sewer priority first to regionalize everything back to Summerton, that way it helps us score higher on the process of getting awarded. He further stated, I think that we have a pretty good shot. We also talked about some mitigation stuff for storm water here. We got with the Resilience Board, not sure if that was the name of the group, to do a Storm Water Study to be able to get a Mitigation Grant for Storm Water.

- c. Consideration of approval to purchase a Dump Bed Trailer – Mrs. Amanda Salka said that we discussed this at the last meeting. The Street Department needs a new Flat Bed truck but we discussed that it would be cheaper to purchase a Dump Bed Trailer instead of the Flat Bed truck. I have read over the ordinance and we followed it. I sent out the Bid letter, with the help of Cedric preparing the letterhead, and we got 3-4 bids. If you could take some time to glance over them to see if you have one that you would like to go with. We are still waiting on the trucks to come in, COVID has everything held up right now. Mr. Rembert made a motion to table this to the next Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Way, all in favor.

#### **STAFF UPDATES** –

- a. Police Dept. – Chief Perdue submitted a monthly report for Council to review. I don't really have anything to bring before Council at this time. I am available to answer any questions that Council may have.
- b. Public Works Dept. – Public Works Director Jay Kates informed Council that the Consent Orders are due tomorrow, we will have that taken care of and sent in to DHEC. We had about 85-90 items are to be taken care of in the water systems that the Town owns. We have about 85% of that are complete, there are a few things that are left over that are minor. They are nothing that is pertinent to the health/safety or

contamination of the water. For the last 2-3 months DHEC has been coming out on site. They have been doing sampling at Sigfield, Goat Island, North Shore and everywhere. No bacteria is being found and everything is running pretty well. We are still dealing with some work orders in the past with some sewer odors on South Duke St and Mood Dr. But for the most part I think that everything is looking good. We did get a Non-Compliance Evaluation for Goat Island Wastewater Plant and for the Wastewater Plant here in the Town of Summerton. A response is due to them in 5 days. We've done a lot down at Goat Island. We've cut down the sprayfield to where you can see it, we got it down to where the town employees can maintain it and keep it going. We have killed about 5 or 6 rattlesnakes out there, it had become a haven for them with the lot overgrown. The Goat Island WWTP has been completely cleaned out and smells a whole lot better around there. We've got a lot of things knocked out at the Sewer Plants, we are still on the City of Manning to keep it down to all the rain that we had 2-3 weeks ago. We will be getting off of that soon. Short of that we are pretty good on Water/Sewer. I did submit a quote to replace the Gin Pond tank. The proposal is for \$42,000. It has a leak at the bottom in the seam. We are going to have to get it repaired. He went over some other things that have been replaced and repaired. It was brought to Council's attention that a Lead/Copper program needed to be done at North Shore. He said that it was being started now. He was asked if there any issues in North Shore, he responded that none really other than the flushing program. He did have a developer contact him about the 38 acres in that area.

- c. Mayor Bagnal wanted to thank Mr. Tindal for the display across the street for Veteran's Day and for Anti-Bullying month. We have some flyers here for the Vaccine Drive. He said that Speedway is still progressing; they were hoping to close in September. Hopefully we will get that sealed by next week. Dollar General is still moving along. They had a 5:00 meeting today with some of the church's congregation and preacher about some parking arrangements if they have a wedding, funeral or handicap parking close to the church. Duckfest is still scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. Rembert made a motion to go into executive session. Seconded by Mr. Way, all was in favor.

Mr. Rembert made a motion to exit executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Mr. Wells, all was in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Wells made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Brown, all was in favor. Meeting ended at 7:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Frances Feagin  
Clerk

